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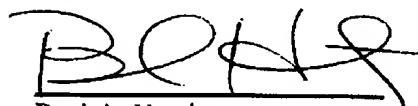
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In re Patent Application of ) Mail Stop Amendment  
Ajay P. DEO et al. )  
Application No.: 09/421,590 ) Group Art Unit: 2141  
Filed: October 20, 1999 ) Examiner: A. Baugh  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
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Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

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- A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for  \$55.00  \$110.00 to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- A request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is enclosed.
- A request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) is also enclosed.
- No additional claim fee is required.
- An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

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Total Claims		Minus		x \$ 18.00 =	0
Ind. Claims		Minus		x \$ 86.00 =	0
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00					
<b>Total Amendment Fee</b>					0
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<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					0

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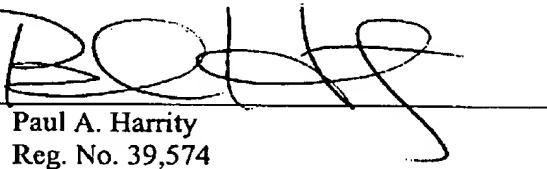
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Respectfully submitted,

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In response to the non-final Office Action of March 25, 2004, please consider the following remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.